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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1986 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCHES DOWNWARD

The continued slump in oil and gas-related industries and consequent losses in other economic sectors kept unemployment high in October 1986. The number of jobless Texans declined by 9,100 between September and October in the actual series, leaving 734,200 people actively seeking work in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate slid from 9.1 percent in September to 8.9 percent in October -- still well above the October 1985 rate of 7.6 percent. Total employment rose moderately over the month, fueled primarily by seasonal increases, but was only 8,900 above the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,699.0	118,244.0	116,345.0
Unemployment	7,842.0	8,015.0	7,917.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.8	6.8
Total Employment	110,857.0	110,229.0	108,428.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,482.0	118,220.0	116,114.0
Unemployment	8,242.0	8,329.0	8,301.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.0	7.1
Total Employment	110,240.0	109,891.0	107,813.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,233.8	8,167.0	8,103.3
Unemployment	734.2	743.3	612.6
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.1	7.6
Total Employment	7,499.6	7,423.7	7,490.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,241.0	8,130.0	8,111.0
Unemployment	781.0	730.0	650.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.0	8.0
Total Employment	7,460.0	7,400.0	7,461.0

The seasonally adjusted rate rose over the month, from 9.0 percent to 9.5 percent, considerably higher than the 8.0 percent recorded in October 1985. Texas rates in both series continued to be well above those for the Nation, as the actual U. S. rate declined from 6.8 percent in September to 6.6 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged at 7.0 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT RISES

Once again in October, primarily seasonal forces have provided the main impetus for growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Texas. The completion of staffing for schools combined with hiring for the upcoming Holiday season to push nonfarm salaried jobs up by 17,800 in October, despite sizeable cutbacks in some other industries. The largest of the monthly increases occurred in government, where both state and local educational facilities hired auxiliary workers such as part-time faculty and student aides, pushing employment up by 22,300 in October.

School-related growth also created 3,300 new jobs in educational services -- the largest advance recorded within services. Agencies promoting business interests and those providing individual and family services also contributed sizeable increases to services. Moderate declines occurred in automotive repair and garages and in the miscellaneous repair sector.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	52,500	54,100	80,800	80,700	82,800	367,900	366,900	367,300
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,400	10,000	9,800	10,400	40,200	40,300	42,000
Mining	3,300	3,200	4,000	1,200	1,300	1,800	1,000	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,000	3,900	4,700	24,600	25,300	27,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,900	6,000	6,300	11,600	11,700	11,000
Trade	14,500	14,400	14,300	24,600	24,800	24,400	82,700	82,800	82,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,300	4,400	4,500	25,600	25,700	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,700	13,600	16,500	16,500	16,300	85,900	85,800	83,300
Government	8,100	7,900	8,200	14,300	14,000	14,400	96,300	94,200	94,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,700	128,500	135,400	57,200	57,300	59,000	65,500	65,700	64,600
Manufacturing	25,200	25,000	26,500	15,200	15,300	16,400	9,100	9,400	9,400
Mining	1,200	1,100	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,600	9,900	5,900	5,800	6,200	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,600	10,100	1,900	2,000	2,100	3,300	3,400	3,300
Trade	31,800	31,800	32,600	11,100	11,300	11,200	18,200	18,400	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,000	27,000	27,700	8,300	8,400	8,300	12,900	12,900	12,400
Government	20,200	20,100	20,400	11,200	10,800	10,600	15,300	14,900	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,600	48,000	51,300	134,300	135,100	137,600	1,346.2	1,348.8	1,326.2
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,600	12,200	12,200	13,100	233.5	234.3	233.6
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,400	6,100	6,100	7,800	20.3	20.6	23.8
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,800	11,400	11,700	11,400	74.3	77.4	86.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,300	7,400	7,700	86.1	86.1	84.3
Trade	10,900	11,200	11,300	34,200	34,500	34,700	359.0	358.3	353.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,900	132.8	133.3	127.3
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,600	28,200	28,400	28,000	293.9	294.5	279.5
Government	20,800	19,800	21,000	28,000	27,900	28,000	146.3	144.3	138.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,000	178,200	178,500	510,000	510,000	509,700	71,800	71,900	72,800
Manufacturing	33,100	34,100	36,500	115,500	115,500	115,200	9,200	9,600	10,000
Mining	200	300	400	3,300	3,400	4,500	400	400	800
Construction	9,200	9,500	9,200	31,900	32,900	33,600	2,900	2,700	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,100	9,500	28,600	28,300	27,000	5,600	5,800	5,600
Trade	46,000	46,100	44,500	136,300	136,400	138,200	13,600	13,700	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,400	9,100	28,300	28,100	28,400	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	34,100	33,800	33,500	105,600	106,300	101,500	12,900	13,300	12,800
Government	36,600	35,900	35,800	60,500	59,100	61,300	22,500	21,700	21,800

Despite continued losses in the wholesale portion due in large part to a lack of demand for oil field equipment, the retail sector of trade generated enough new jobs to pull the trade total up by 5,000 in October. General merchandise stores and apparel and accessory stores began adding positions preparatory to the Holiday season. Food stores actually exhibited the most expansion within trade, but many of these jobs were part-time. This industry has added almost 14,000 jobs over the past year -- more than any other retail sector.

Losses were fairly widespread throughout both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing in October, and although 21,400 nonmanufacturing jobs were added, this sector is currently 6,500 below its year-ago level. Two nonmanufacturing industries -- mining and construction -- have borne the brunt of the cutbacks during the past year. The good news concerning mining is that only 900 jobs were lost in October, the smallest monthly decrease since the downturn began well over a year ago. The bad news is that employment in this industry is now 60,100 below its October 1985 level.

Construction recorded the largest over-the-month loss of any major industry group in October, as 7,600 jobs were deleted. Speculative overbuilding of offices and homes was also the main cause of the large decline in the real estate portion of finance, insurance and real estate. This loss, along with a smaller one in banking, pushed

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Industry	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,463.6	1,462.9	1,501.8	68,000	68,400	67,400	35,500	35,500	34,700
Manufacturing	158.5	158.3	172.9	8,600	8,800	8,600	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	77.5	77.9	90.6	--	--	--	1,500	1,500	1,900
Construction	97.3	98.2	107.7	3,600	3,900	4,300	1,400	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	96.2	96.9	101.4	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,800
Trade	370.2	370.6	382.4	16,400	16,400	16,300	10,600	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	111.5	113.5	111.8	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	356.2	356.3	348.8	13,700	13,700	12,900	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	196.2	191.2	186.2	20,000	19,800	19,500	8,600	8,500	8,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,600	66,500	69,200	92,100	92,000	93,100	86,100	84,900	83,700
Manufacturing	15,300	15,500	16,500	7,500	7,300	7,900	11,800	11,800	11,700
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,400	300	400	600	1,400	1,400	1,600
Construction	3,100	3,000	3,600	4,100	4,300	4,800	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,300	4,400	4,500	2,700	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,400	17,500	17,700	27,800	27,800	27,600	25,800	25,300	25,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,500	5,300	5,300	5,400	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,400	11,900	20,400	20,400	20,200	13,500	13,500	12,900
Government	7,900	7,900	8,100	22,400	22,100	22,100	22,600	22,000	21,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	45,900	46,000	49,000	45,700	46,000	52,000	36,800	36,500	37,500
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,700	4,200	4,200	5,100	5,900	5,900	5,400
Mining	8,600	8,800	11,300	6,600	6,700	9,000	500	600	900
Construction	2,400	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,400	3,300	2,000	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,900	13,300	13,300	14,500	9,600	9,500	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,000	8,100	8,100	8,200	7,300	7,300	7,400
Government	6,600	6,600	6,100	7,200	7,200	7,400	6,800	6,400	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	484,700	483,500	484,600	37,800	37,500	37,200	45,800	46,200	45,800
Manufacturing	48,100	48,400	49,900	11,200	11,100	11,800	7,200	7,200	7,700
Mining	2,700	2,600	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	33,000	34,000	36,700	1,800	1,900	1,500	1,900	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,200	19,300	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	126,100	126,300	125,700	8,600	8,500	8,100	11,400	11,500	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,200	37,000	36,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,800	110,100	108,900	7,400	7,300	7,100	8,800	9,100	8,600
Government	108,800	106,900	104,000	5,100	5,100	5,000	12,600	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	63,200	63,000	63,500	27,700	27,600	29,000	78,700	78,300	79,600
Manufacturing	11,200	11,000	11,800	3,200	3,200	2,900	15,000	14,900	16,700
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,800	2,200	2,100	2,800	--	--	--
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,700	1,800	2,600	4,400	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	2,900	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,500	3,500	3,600	3,600
Trade	17,900	18,100	17,400	7,600	7,600	8,300	19,200	19,300	19,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,700	13,000	5,700	5,700	5,100	19,500	19,200	19,100
Government	8,600	8,500	8,500	4,400	4,300	4,200	12,400	12,000	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,300	51,600	52,100						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,400						
Mining	2,500	2,500	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,900	12,900	13,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,900						
Government	10,400	10,500	10,400						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1986*	Sep. 1986**	Oct. 1985**	Change From Sep. 1986	Change From Oct. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,693,800	6,676,000	6,737,000	17,800	-43,200
Manufacturing	963,200	966,800	999,900	-3,600	-36,700
Durable Goods	559,900	562,800	590,600	-2,900	-30,700
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	40,900	42,300	-300	-1,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,700	18,100	100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	46,600	47,400	49,900	-800	-3,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,000	22,500	24,000	-500	-2,000
Primary Metal Industries	29,800	30,000	33,600	-200	-3,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,200	76,400	83,400	-200	-7,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	39,600	39,800	43,400	-200	-3,800
Machinery, Except Electrical	112,200	114,200	132,600	-2,000	-20,400
Oil Field Machinery	24,800	25,800	38,600	-1,000	-13,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,600	117,700	113,700	-100	3,900
Transportation Equipment	84,600	84,000	80,200	600	4,400
Aircraft & Parts	49,600	48,500	42,200	1,100	7,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,300	23,700	-300	-1,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,200	13,100	300	-600
Nondurable Goods	403,300	404,000	409,300	-700	-6,000
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	100,500	97,000	-1,100	2,400
Meat Products	27,300	27,500	27,000	-200	300
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Bakery Products	11,200	10,900	10,800	300	400
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	3,900	4,900	200	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	53,300	54,100	57,600	-800	-4,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,100	23,200	100	0
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,900	74,900	100	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,100	38,100	36,800	0	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,200	77,300	300	-2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,300	31,300	32,600	0	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,400	28,400	29,600	0	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	6,900	7,800	100	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	34,500	34,100	34,000	400	500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,730,600	5,709,200	5,737,100	21,400	-6,500
Mining	193,100	194,000	253,200	-900	-60,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	185,600	186,500	244,800	-900	-59,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,500	7,500	8,400	0	-900
Construction	415,100	422,700	453,300	-7,600	-38,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,600	374,800	383,700	-200	-9,100
Railroad Transportation	21,600	21,600	23,700	0	-2,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,400	188,800	188,800	-400	-400
Transportation by Air	52,600	51,800	48,600	800	4,000
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,100	87,100	90,200	0	-3,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,500	77,300	81,000	200	-3,500
Electric Services	45,100	45,500	45,800	-400	-700
Gas Production & Distribution	25,000	24,400	28,500	600	-3,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,724,400	1,719,400	1,715,900	5,000	8,500
Wholesale Trade	432,400	433,700	445,600	-1,300	-13,200
Retail Trade	1,292,000	1,285,700	1,270,300	6,300	21,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	47,900	48,200	53,200	-300	-5,300
General Merchandise Stores	167,600	165,900	162,000	1,700	5,600
Food Stores	242,600	238,700	228,900	3,900	13,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	146,700	147,400	146,200	-700	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,900	80,200	84,200	1,700	-2,300
Other Retail Trade	605,300	605,300	595,800	0	9,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	452,600	454,300	445,700	-1,700	6,900
Banking	102,800	103,400	107,600	-600	-4,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,200	143,500	136,200	700	8,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	205,600	207,400	201,900	-1,800	3,700
Services	1,388,000	1,383,500	1,361,400	4,500	26,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	87,300	87,100	85,100	200	2,200
Personal Services	82,700	82,300	80,400	400	2,300
Business & Repair Services	381,200	382,300	379,000	-1,100	2,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,800	54,700	52,600	-900	1,200
Health Services	363,400	363,100	350,200	300	13,200
Educational Services	73,700	70,400	74,100	3,300	-400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	345,900	343,600	340,000	2,300	5,900
Total Government	1,182,800	1,160,500	1,123,900	22,300	58,900
Total Federal Government	191,900	191,100	185,700	800	6,200
Total State Government	247,300	241,700	239,200	5,600	8,100
Total Local Government	743,600	727,700	699,000	15,900	44,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	56,700	56,200	101,200	100,700	102,100	427,500	422,100	420,400
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,400	3,500	6,300	6,700	6,100	24,700	24,300	21,700
Percent Unemployed	9.4	9.5	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.2
Total Employment 2/	51,900	51,300	52,700	94,900	94,000	96,000	402,800	397,800	398,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,900	159,000	168,600	79,900	79,600	79,500	93,700	94,600	91,700
Total Unemployment	21,400	22,500	24,200	8,600	9,000	7,200	13,600	15,400	13,800
Percent Unemployed	13.4	14.2	14.4	10.8	11.3	9.1	14.5	16.3	15.0
Total Employment 2/	138,500	136,500	144,400	71,300	70,600	72,300	80,100	79,200	77,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	56,200	58,400	169,600	167,500	167,700	1,407.8	1,395.8	1,372.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,600	3,000	21,300	20,200	16,500	82.4	81.5	72.2
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.4	5.1	12.6	12.1	9.8	5.9	5.8	5.3
Total Employment 2/	53,500	52,600	55,400	148,300	147,300	151,200	1,325.4	1,314.3	1,299.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	219,100	221,400	215,300	646,100	638,700	634,700	106,600	105,700	107,700
Total Unemployment	26,000	29,900	23,700	43,300	42,300	35,100	12,100	11,900	11,900
Percent Unemployed	11.9	13.5	11.0	6.7	6.6	5.5	11.4	11.3	11.0
Total Employment 2/	193,100	191,500	191,600	602,800	596,400	599,600	94,500	93,800	95,800
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,667.5	1,656.1	1,658.6	88,300	88,300	87,400	44,200	43,900	42,500
Total Unemployment	170.4	174.2	138.6	6,800	7,200	7,400	7,000	7,000	5,800
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.5	8.4	7.7	8.2	8.5	15.8	15.9	13.6
Total Employment 2/	1,497.1	1,481.9	1,520.0	81,500	81,100	80,000	37,200	36,900	36,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,500	81,800	110,100	108,700	110,400	141,300	136,200	138,200
Total Unemployment	9,400	10,000	8,600	7,400	7,100	7,100	28,200	27,200	27,400
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.4	10.5	6.7	6.5	6.4	20.0	20.0	19.8
Total Employment 2/	71,000	70,500	73,200	102,700	101,600	103,300	113,100	109,000	110,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,900	52,700	59,700	60,100	61,100	44,800	44,300	44,600
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,500	3,200	9,900	10,500	4,200	3,300	3,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.3	6.1	16.6	17.5	6.9	7.4	7.7	5.8
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,400	49,500	49,800	49,600	56,900	41,500	40,900	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	565,900	557,400	556,200	47,400	46,900	46,200	57,100	56,600	57,400
Total Unemployment	43,700	42,200	36,300	3,900	3,900	3,100	4,600	4,700	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.6	6.5	8.2	8.3	6.7	8.1	8.3	8.5
Total Employment 2/	522,200	515,200	519,900	43,500	43,000	43,100	52,500	51,900	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,400	76,800	76,400	37,100	37,000	38,100	91,300	89,500	89,300
Total Unemployment	7,100	7,200	6,400	3,900	4,000	2,800	7,400	7,000	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.4	8.4	10.5	10.8	7.3	8.1	7.8	6.0
Total Employment 2/	70,300	69,600	70,000	33,200	33,000	35,300	83,900	82,500	83,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,900	56,500				8,233.8	8,167.0	8,103.3
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,800	3,500				734.2	743.3	612.6
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	6.2				8.9	9.1	7.6
Total Employment 2/	52,300	52,100	53,000				7,499.6	7,423.7	7,490.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 391.41	$ 398.24	$ 387.69	40.9	41.7	41.2	$ 9.57	$ 9.55	$ 9.41
Durable Goods	384.50	391.53	387.71	41.3	42.1	41.6	9.31	9.30	9.32
Lumber & Wood Products	278.80	275.54	262.52	41.0	40.7	39.3	6.80	6.77	6.68
Furniture & Fixtures	257.99	270.92	241.70	40.5	42.2	39.3	6.37	6.42	6.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	368.13	377.94	386.14	44.3	45.7	44.9	8.31	8.27	8.60
Primary Metal Industries	395.37	409.86	422.10	38.2	39.6	41.1	10.35	10.35	10.27
Fabricated Metal Products	361.09	367.28	365.86	40.3	40.9	41.2	8.96	8.98	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.01	400.44	401.86	40.7	41.8	41.6	9.73	9.58	9.66
Oil Field Machinery	422.37	437.18	484.36	39.0	39.6	41.9	10.83	11.04	11.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	422.68	440.94	404.38	42.1	43.4	40.6	10.04	10.16	9.96
Transportation Equipment	515.21	516.06	537.89	42.3	42.3	43.1	12.18	12.20	12.48
Instruments & Related Prod.	326.43	340.45	331.70	39.0	40.1	40.9	8.37	8.49	8.11
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	293.35	283.16	271.17	42.7	42.2	40.9	6.87	6.71	6.63
Nondurable Goods	400.95	407.06	389.23	40.5	41.2	40.8	9.90	9.88	9.54
Food & Kindred Products	333.20	337.83	334.74	40.0	41.3	42.0	8.33	8.18	7.97
Meat Products	263.34	276.89	282.24	39.9	41.7	42.0	6.60	6.64	6.72
Malt Beverages	787.87	805.38	707.27	46.4	46.5	43.1	16.98	17.32	16.41
Textile Mill Products	314.43	315.32	277.84	44.6	44.6	41.1	7.05	7.07	6.76
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	185.96	191.36	196.56	35.9	36.8	37.8	5.18	5.20	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	446.34	465.03	443.28	43.0	44.5	42.5	10.38	10.45	10.43
Printing & Publishing	396.41	390.84	371.45	39.8	39.8	39.1	9.96	9.82	9.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	613.84	630.48	621.88	41.9	42.6	42.8	14.65	14.80	14.53
Petroleum & Coal Products	648.95	665.21	632.53	43.7	44.2	43.0	14.85	15.05	14.71
Petroleum Refining	676.94	690.85	659.55	43.9	44.2	42.8	15.42	15.63	15.41
Leather & Leather Products	187.60	214.27	216.76	35.0	37.2	39.7	5.36	5.76	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	386.32	387.60	357.62	44.1	43.6	40.5	8.76	8.89	8.83
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.97	527.22	480.82	42.7	43.5	43.2	11.99	12.12	11.13
Oil & Gas Extraction	516.60	531.92	483.41	42.8	43.6	43.2	12.07	12.20	11.19
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	430.73	442.85	420.23	41.1	41.7	43.1	10.48	10.62	9.75
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	491.66	493.25	473.22	40.7	40.9	39.6	12.08	12.06	11.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	430.35	438.60	454.46	39.7	40.8	39.9	10.84	10.75	11.39
Wholesale & Retail Trade	224.38	227.07	227.63	32.1	32.3	32.8	6.99	7.03	6.94
Wholesale Trade	377.62	381.74	377.74	39.5	39.6	40.1	9.56	9.64	9.42
Retail Trade	178.80	180.30	178.75	29.9	30.1	30.4	5.98	5.99	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	184.43	186.53	176.00	28.2	29.1	28.9	6.54	6.41	6.09
Banking	270.65	274.43	269.59	37.8	37.8	37.6	7.16	7.26	7.17

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 388.52	$ 399.83	$ 385.40	41.2	42.4	41.8	$ 9.43	$ 9.43	$ 9.22
Durable Goods	412.58	424.97	409.34	42.1	43.1	42.2	9.80	9.86	9.70
Nondurable Goods	345.79	352.97	342.77	39.7	40.9	41.1	8.71	8.63	8.34
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	403.65	403.24	393.01	41.4	41.7	41.5	9.75	9.67	9.47
Durable Goods	424.32	426.47	412.44	41.6	42.1	42.0	10.20	10.13	9.82
Nondurable Goods	349.21	344.76	345.87	40.7	40.8	40.5	8.58	8.45	8.54
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	476.43	486.43	470.13	42.5	43.2	42.7	11.21	11.26	11.01
Durable Goods	400.32	403.32	417.10	41.7	42.1	43.0	9.60	9.58	9.70
Nondurable Goods	564.63	582.08	543.11	43.4	44.4	42.2	13.01	13.11	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.14	297.01	298.16	40.1	40.3	40.9	7.41	7.37	7.29
Durable Goods	313.16	324.69	316.17	40.2	41.1	42.1	7.79	7.90	7.51
Nondurable Goods	281.60	269.79	280.59	40.0	39.5	39.8	7.04	6.83	7.05

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

the industry as a whole down by 1,700 over the month. Small advances in air transportation and in gas production and distribution were offset by larger losses in other sectors of transportation and public utilities, pushing employment down by 200 in October.

An additional 3,600 manufacturing jobs were deleted over the month, primarily in the durable goods sector, leaving total factory employment at 963,200. Within durable goods, nonelectrical machinery suffered the largest cutbacks, as jobs were deleted in oil field machinery and in air conditioning and heating equipment, pushing the industry total down by 2,000. The only durable goods industry to post an increase was aircraft and parts, where defense contractors were hiring. The 1,100 jobs added in this sector of transportation equipment represented the largest gain in manufacturing in October.

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In spite of several small advances within nondurable goods, two large declines kept the group as a whole 700 below its month-ago total. The largest of these was in food and kindred products, where seasonal layoffs followed the end of the tomato canning season. Cutbacks continued in apparel and other textile products as some plants were being closed.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DROP

The average number of manufacturing production workers declined over the month from 628,400 in September to 625,200 in October. Although average hourly earnings edged upward slightly in October (by 2¢ per hour), average weekly hours dropped by 0.8 hour due to less overtime and more part-time workers in many sectors, pushing weekly wages down by $6.83. In mid-October, the average manufacturing production worker in Texas earned $9.57 per hour for a 40.9-hour week, for a weekly total of $391.41.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter 1986
(July-September 1986)

Abilene	2,832,347
Amarillo	2,534,211
Austin	9,061,900
Beaumont-Port Arthur	10,277,567
Brazoria PMSA	4,260,989
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,657,295
Bryan-College Station	1,828,915
Corpus Christi	8,505,100
Dallas PMSA	31,514,083
El Paso	7,112,882
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	20,354,957
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,785,350
Houston PMSA	88,797,071
Killeen-Temple	1,684,704
Laredo	2,371,742
Longview-Marshall	5,002,683
Lubbock	2,001,330
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7,107,066
Midland	4,194,988
Odessa	7,374,634
San Angelo	1,637,528
San Antonio	13,867,460
Sherman-Denison	1,909,021
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	904,215
Tyler	3,044,236
Victoria	2,222,612
Waco	3,327,866
Wichita Falls	2,305,019

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985
Total Population	16,846,250	16,465,250*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,752	313,466
Total Claims Actions	906,579	494,259
Total Initial Claims Actions	99,543	74,992
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	807,036	419,267
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$157.39	$143.86
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$114,868,604	$54,636,268
Total Placements	28,584	40,259

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